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To

His Highness

Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur, G.C.S.I.,

Maharaja of Mysore,

Camp; Srinagar.

Mat it please Your Highness,

I beg to inform Your Highness that for the last 50 years I did Public Duty according to my best lights. For my livelihood, I depended upon what I got as Head Master of the Narimallappa's High School and even from my earnings I paid something for the journals I have been conducting. Hitabodhini, Udantachintamani, Vrittanta Chinta - mani, the Mysore Herald, the Arya Bala Samaj Magazine, the Sadhwi, the Mysore Patriot, the Sampadabhyudaya, the Mysore Social Review, the Pourasamajika Patrika are some of the journals for which I spent the best portion of my life. In addition to these I published a number of moral and useful books.

Side by side with these activities I raised the Narimallappa's School to the status of a High School. The Narimallappa's Charities contribute Rs.75/- a month for the High School and I have been spending from the School fees, Government Grant &c more than Rs.1,300/- a month. I wanted to raise it to the Collegiate Entrance Standard. In the meantime Mr.C.R.Reddy has prevailed upon Mr.Denham and some of the Trustees to retire me. They have given me notice that I must retire from the first of next month. Having devoted, for the last 50 years, all my income to public ac - tivities, I am now in a penniless condition. I sold even my house and devoted the money realised for the promotion of public activities. When a man does incessant work for 70 years, he is entitled to Old Age Pension in England.

The Trustees of the Marimallappa's Charities mean to give me an Annuity of Rs.50/- a month. I have about a dozen souls depending upon me. My eldest son is not in good health and he and his family are dependent upon me. My journalism created a number of enemies to me and my second son has not been able to get even what he deserves.

If Your Highness does not come to my aid, I will have to close my press, stop the publication of all journals and leave Mysore in search of bread outside the Province at an age of 71 years.

If Your Highness thinks that I deserve Your Highness's help, I want the following favours from Your Highness :-

1. A Pension of Rs.100/- a month should be recommended to be settled upon me from the Marimallappa's High School and the amount should be made a charge on the Government grant. This is necessary because, if the school is mismanaged the school fee income which is more than Rs.1,000/- may materially fall and my pension may be stopped.

2. I must be permitted to remain in the school as long as my health permits me to do efficient work.

If Your Highness kindly interfere and induce the Trustees to show me this favour, I shall be much obliged to Your Highness and will ever continue to pray for Your Highness' long life and prosperity and will also continue to do justly the different civic, social, educational and other activities in which I have been working.

Hoping that Your Highness will be graciously pleased to make the evening of my life free from care and struggle for existence,

I beg to remain,
with utmost respect, esteem & loyalty,
Your Highness' most obedient & loyal servant,
Sd/ M Venkatkrishnayya.